



NEWSLETTER December 2012

TOWNSHIP OFFICE CLOSURE

Please note that the Prince Township Office will be closed Monday, December 24, 2012 through Tuesday, January 1, 2013. We are open again on Wednesday, January 2, 2013.

Garbage and recycling pick up will be one day late due to Christmas Day and New Years Day.

BLUE BOX COLLECTION

Town Line to 4185 Second Line West
Dec. 5 th
Dec. 19 th
Jan. 3 rd
Marshall Drive to end of Gros Cap
Dec. 12 th
Dec. 27 th
Jan. 9 th

In the event of an extended power disruption or disruption to 911 service, volunteers will attend the homes of vulnerable citizens to ensure their safety. Please contact the municipal office at 705-779-2992 if you wish to be added to this list.



*Merry Christmas &
Happy New Year
To Everyone*

COUNCIL IS ASKING FOR YOUR SUPPORT

JOYFull Socks

a

Christmas Campaign

JOYful Socks was launched last year by Leslie Cassidy-Amadio. She is launching this campaign again in hopes of matching or exceeding the successful inaugural year.

It is very easy to be involved. You can purchase a pair of socks, men's, women's or children's and

fill them with age and gender appropriate grooming articles.

Grooming products may include soap, shampoo, cream rinse, toothpaste, toothbrush, floss, hand lotion, combs, hair brushes or razors. Just to mention a few. Also, the Soup Kitchen is in need of canned fruit, juices, coffee mate, canned milk, skim milk powder and snack items for children, such as granola bars and fruit cups and anything healthy. And so much more!

You can donate in many ways; purchase and fill socks, donate socks unfilled, donate grooming products, donate non-perishable food items, donate gently used clothing or toys, or buy a new toy for a child. There are so many ways to be involved and each and every way will make a difference.

The filled socks and donations are presented to patrons of the Soup Kitchen Community Centre, in Sault Ste. Marie.

Please bring your donation by December 7th, 2012 to the Prince Township Office at 3042 Second Line West or call Leslie (705) 779-2836 for pick up.

BREAK AND ENTER - FYI

There have been many break and enters reported in the Township. We have been told that Second Line West and Marshall Drive were hit.

If you have any information regarding these crimes, or any other crime, call Crime

Stoppers at 705-942-7867 or 1-800-222-8477 (TIPS), submit an e-tip from the Crime Stoppers' website at www.saultcrimestoppers.com or text keyword SSM with your tip to 274637. Text STOP to 274637 to cancel. Text HELP to 274637 for help. Msg & Data Rates May Apply.

RECREATION

Volunteers are needed to help with the skating rink at the Community Centre. Please call Ian Chambers at 705-779-3364

911 SIGNS

Residents are requested to make sure that 911 civic number signs are clear of trees, snow etc. The sign should be visible by emergency personnel from 100 ft.

APPOINTMENTS TO BOARDS & COMMITTEES

Appointments to Boards & Committees will be made at the council meeting December 11th, 2012 to the following:

Library Board

Museum Board

Recreation Committee (desperately needed)

Interested parties are requested to submit an application by Dec 5th, 2012. We would like to encourage everyone including youth and/or students to apply. Applications are available from the Township Office or if you would like one mailed please call 705-779-2992.

MUSEUM HIGHLIGHTS

The museum experienced a very productive summer, under the guidance of our summer student, Gabielle Fogg. With the assistance of the Fogg gentlemen- James, Jadon and Jonah, the classroom was reorganized to allow visitors to thoroughly enjoy Charlie Parr's folk art. We greatly appreciated Council moving their meetings to the banquet hall during the summer months, thereby giving more space for the exhibits. The museum continues to acquire more acquisitions. A special thank you to Ron Amadio and Dave Yanni for moving the donated dressing mirror into the Conway homestead. Through everyone's efforts, we are able to continue to preserve and display Prince's history. Kindly contact the Museum Board if you are aware of any articles that might be added to the Prince Township collection.



BEST START HUB NEWS

Early Learning Circle

Early learning circle provides children with an opportunity to learn

and explore through discussion of experiences and individuality. We will include a variety of fun, interactive and hands-on activities for children, reinforcing listening and socialization skills. Every Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday at 11:00am.

Mother Goose/Story Time

Come on out and enjoy Mother Goose Time! We will be having interactive stories and songs with all materials we use to take home to keep. Begins at 10:45am, Thursday, November 1, 2012 for six weeks. We will be having these sessions in our Prince Township Public Library. Come on out and enjoy some singing and a story!

Fun with Science

You and your child can experience and explore the joy of science through safe, simple and fun activities. This six week program will begin on Thursday November 8, 2012 at 6:30pm.

Tiny Tot Gym Time

This gross motor activity will work on you and your child's balance, coordination and cardio, while playing fun games and singing songs. Begins Friday, November 9, 2012 at 10:30am for six weeks. Come on out and get some fun exercise!

Christmas Craft Corner

Our Christmas Craft Corner is filled with easy creative Christmas crafts so cute that you could give them as gifts to someone special. Come join us and make some of these fun and inexpensive crafts. Begins Saturday November 3, 2012 at 11:00am for

six weeks.

Community Christmas for Kids Crafts

We will be having free craft activities available for children of all ages to participate in with their families:

*Monday, December 3, 2012 to Friday, December 7, 2012 -

Paper Plate Penguin 11:00am-1:30pm

*Monday, December 10, 2012 to Friday, December 14, 2012 -

Glitter Glue A Snowflake 11:00am-1:30pm

*Monday, December 17, 2012 to Friday, December 21, 2012 - Snowman On A Stick 11:00am-1:30pm

Adult accompaniment and pre-registration is required.

Please call 705-779-3627 for more information.

Please note that Prince Township Best Start Hub will be closed Wednesday December 13, 2012 from 6-8pm only.

We are also closed Monday, December 24, 2012 until Sunday, January 6, 2013.

We are open again on Monday, January 7, 2013.

Hours

Monday to Friday	9:00-3:00pm
Thursday, also	6:00-8:00pm
Saturday	10:00-3:00pm

Visit us on Facebook: Parent/Child Resource Centre "Best Start Hub"
Or Google: Parent/Child Resource Centre "Best Start Hub" if you do not have Facebook
Email: prince.beststarhub@hotmail.com



LIBRARY NEWS



As of December 1st, the library will be closed on Wednesday evenings.

New in the library we have "**Forgotten**" by David Baldacci. Army Special Agent, John Puller, has a very personal interest in the most recent case that has come his way. His aunt has been found dead in Paradise, Florida, a beautiful little town on the Gulf coast full of wealthy tourists and retirees. The local police see her death as a tragic accident but just before her death said aunt mailed a letter to John's father telling him that all was not well in Paradise. He is sure that his beloved aunt's death is no accident. Now he must prove it. Read on.



Dear Life: Stories" by the beloved Canadian author, Alice Munro, illumines that moment when a life is shaped – the moment a dream or a simple twist of fate turns a person

from their accustomed path onto another way of being. Munro's clarity of vision and her gift for storytelling paint a vivid picture of how strange and dangerous ordinary life can be. Set in the countryside around Lake Huron, Munro records for us our own history.



In "**Sweet Tooth: A Novel**", Ian McEwan takes us back to 1972 when Serena Frome the beautiful and mathematically talented daughter of an Anglican Bishop has an affair with a much older man during her last year of studies at Cambridge and finds herself being groomed for the Intelligence Service. Britain is being torn apart by economic disaster, industrial unrest and Irish terrorism. Those at MI5 have their work cut out for them. Serena, an avid novel reader, is sent on a secret mission that brings her into the literary world of Tom Haley, a promising young writer. She loves his stories and she loves this man. How long can she maintain the fiction of her undercover life? And how long can she keep the first rule of espionage – trust no one. This is a great tale of intrigue, betrayal and love. Enjoy.



For the Children

A new series of books has been purchased

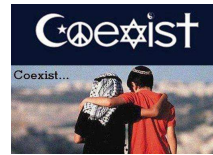
on the subject of nutrition. Childhood obesity is a growing problem in North America. For children, as well as adults, it is necessary to eat a well balanced diet and keep active to keep the weight down. To encourage good eating habits you might want to have a look at **“Yogurt and Cheeses and Ice Cream That Pleases”**; **“Macaroni, Rice and Bread by the Slice”**; **“Green Beans, Potatoes and even Tomatoes”**; **“Black Beans and Lamb, Poached Egg and Ham”**; **“Oils (just a bit) to keep Your Body Fit”**; and **“Apples, Cherries, Red Raspberries”** – a fun way to learn about what is good for you. Yum, yum!!



With the troubles along the Gaza strip (that narrow piece of land along the Mediterranean coast between Israel and Egypt), that is back in the News right now and in our hearts during this Christmas season, you might want to read the next book to be discussed by our Book Club.

We will read **“I Shall Not Hate – A Gaza Doctor’s Journey”**. Author Dr. Izzeldin Abuelaish – now known simply as “the Gaza doctor” - captured hearts and headlines around the world in the aftermath of a horrific tragedy: on January 16, 2009, Israeli shells hit his home in the Gaza strip, killing three of his daughters and a niece. He wrote this book as a necessary lesson against hatred and revenge and speaks to groups on that subject. He spoke to a large audience right here in Sault Ste. Marie at Sault College this spring.

We will discuss this timely book on Thursday, January 17, 2013 at 7 p.m. in the Library. Read up and join us for a lively discussion.



The Library will be closed for Christmas Break from Saturday, December 22, 2012 to January 7, 2013 (inclusive).



Thursday mornings with Rita. Children enjoy a story (or two) , songs, and a craft.

I want to say a great big Thank you to all the Library desk volunteers, those who substitute on desk when needed, the Friends of the Library and the members of the Library Board. You are very much appreciated.

Thank You!

Special congratulations to Rita Wagner and Fran Burns who together received the first Annual Joyce Kasch Volunteer award on November 6.

Here is a little chart to help you get through all the preparations for Christmas.

10 great foods that speed up your metabolism

1. Fish
2. Black coffee
3. Grapefruits
4. Yogurt
5. Apples
6. Spicy foods
7. Cinnamon
8. Water
9. Green tea
10. Broccoli

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**MERRY
CHRISTMAS
& HAPPY
NEW
YEAR**

to

all of our volunteers and all of our patrons. Have a safe and happy holiday. I hope Santa brings you a good book.



*Margaret Christenson
C. E. O.*

COUNCIL NEWS

ADMINISTRATOR'S COUNCIL REPORT

Let it snow, let it snow, let it snow!

The municipal office, library and fire department have a new phone system. When you call any of the individual numbers you will reach an automated line from which you can choose the department or person you would like to reach. You can now call 705-779-2992 to reach any of the extensions, as well.

Our new extensions are as follows:

Lorraine Mousseau, Deputy Clerk	– ext 100
Peggy Greco, CAO Administrator	– ext 101
Laura McConnell, Youth Intern	– ext 102
Margaret Christenson, CAO/Library	– ext 103
Fire Department, Non-emergency	– ext 104
Library, General line	– ext 105
Kitchen	– ext 106

All lines have their own confidential voice mail boxes.

Thank you for your patience during this transition.

In case you missed it, we are happy to announce that the contract for winter maintenance of Highway 550 and Highway 565 has been transferred back to the City of Sault Ste. Marie. Through a collaborative effort between the City and Prince Township, we were able to convince the Ministry of Transportation that having Transfield maintain these Highways was counter-productive for both the City and for Prince Township.

You should have received notice from Canada Post that your mailing address has been changed from Sault Ste. Marie, to Prince Township. For all but a few homes, the postal

code for the municipality is P6A 6K4. Canada Post will be forwarding all mail for the period of 1 year, but please make sure you notify all your contacts of the change.

To clarify the matter, Canada Post told Council that the municipality could not keep Sault Ste. Marie as the mailing address. Council had to pass a resolution choosing the name that would be used. 'Prince Township' was chosen. The status quo was not an option.

Council has decided to take the 1999 Chevrolet ¾ ton truck out of service. The truck will be sold 'as is'. As stated in this newsletter, offers will be accepted, at the township office, in a sealed envelope until December 10, at 3 p.m.

Council is allowing each of the Councillors an opportunity to serve as Deputy Reeve. At the November meeting of Council, Councillor Zuccato was appointed as Deputy Reeve, replacing Councillor Amadio.

The municipal office will be closed from December 24th, until 8:30 a.m. on January 2, 2013.

I'd like to take this opportunity to wish you all a Very Merry Christmas, and a Happy, Healthy and Joyful New Year!

Respectfully,
Peggy Greco

Please note: Council agendas are available at the Municipal Office on the Friday prior to a Council meeting, and those wishing to come as a delegation are asked to contact the Administrator by the Wednesday prior to the Council meeting (705-779-2992).

COUNCIL MEETING SCHEDULE

Regular Council Meetings
Tuesday December 11th, 2012
6:45 p.m.

Agendas can be picked up at the municipal office after 4:00 p.m. on the Friday before.

Reeve

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BY-LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICER

David Harnish 705-779-9927

THANK YOU!

A big thank you to everyone who completed the Strategic Plan survey in November's newsletter. The Committee appreciates your feedback and will be holding a meeting on Monday December 3rd at 5:30 pm at the Community Centre to discuss the survey results. The public is welcome to attend.

Some initial survey results:

- Nearly 40 completed surveys were returned to the Municipal Office
- “Developing strong leadership, good government and supporting staff” and “Having solid infrastructure (good roads and bridges)” were most often ranked #1 as being a priority strategic direction for Prince Township
- “Wireless internet service for all Prince Twp residents” and “Natural gas pipeline service for all Prince Twp residents” were most often ranked #1 as being a priority strategic goal for Prince Township
- The “rural lifestyle” and the “beauty/peace of nature” were among the most common answers for what survey respondents value most about living in Prince Township
- The Committee will be drawing a name for the prize valued at \$50 for those who returned their completed survey. The winner will be contacted on Tuesday December 4th.

Thanks again to everyone who completed the survey. These survey results will help the Committee draft a revised Strategic Plan for Prince Township. Please do hesitate to call Laura at the Municipal Office at (705) 779-2992 ext.102 if you have any questions or comments about the Strategic Plan or the Strategic Plan survey.

Fire Department

As you know, the winter season is knocking at our door. Heaters are turned on and wood stoves are cranked up.

This is just a friendly reminder from your local Volunteer Fire Department.

- Test your smoke alarms and remember to replace the batteries
- If you burn wood or other fuel, consider purchasing a carbon monoxide detector, it could be a life-saver!
- If you already have a carbon monoxide detector, test it and remember to replace the batteries.
- Make sure your furnace or wood stove is in proper working order and check that the chimney is clear of any obstructions.
- Make a fire escape plan and

be sure to practice, practice and practice!

If you have any questions, please feel free to call the Fire Hall at 705-779-FIRE(3473).



Caring for Cut Christmas Trees

Remember, a Christmas tree is a living thing. Look after it carefully as you would a cut flower. Once you select a Christmas tree, follow these suggestions to keep it fresh and safe:

1. If you buy a tree several days before you plan to set it up, store the tree outdoors or on a cool porch or patio until you are ready to decorate it. An area that provides protection from the wind and sun will help the tree retain its moisture.
2. If you plan to store the tree for several days, make a straight cut across the butt end of the tree about one inch from the end. This opens the tree stem so it can take up water. Store the tree upright and place the butt end in a container of water.
3. When you bring the tree into the house for decorating, make another fresh cut across the trunk about an inch from the original cut. Use a tree stand that holds plenty of water.
4. Trees are thirsty. They may drink up to four litres of water per day, so be sure to check daily and supply fresh

water as needed. A stand which holds at least four litres of water is recommended. If you allow the water level to drop below the bottom of the tree, a seal will form just as it does on a cut flower and a new cut will be necessary.

5. Place your tree away from fireplaces, radiators, television sets and other sources of heat. Turn off the tree lights when you leave and before you retire at night.
6. Avoid the use of combustible decorations. Check all electric lights and connections. Do not use lights with worn or frayed cords and **NEVER** use lighted candles on a Christmas tree.

Following these care and precaution measures should ensure an attractive tree that stays fresh indoors for two to three weeks.

EMERGENCY PLANNING FOR EXTREME COLD WEATHER

Prepare Your Home and Car for Winter

At Home:

- Have alternate means of heating with sufficient fuel, such as a wood or propane furnace, or a kerosene heater. Ensure alternative source of heat is approved for indoor use
- Generator with several days' worth of fuel (Caution: generators produce toxic gases such as carbon monoxide. These should only be

used outdoors where fumes may be vented safely.)

- Electric space heaters with automatic shut-off and non-glowing elements (to reduce the risk of fire)
- Blankets

In the Car:

- Travel with a mobile phone
- Blankets and other warm clothing (gloves, toques, jacket) – never rely on a car for heat since it may break down
- First aid kit
- Signaling device, such as road flares
- Booster cables
- Toolkit
- Bag of sand (to pour on ice or snow for added traction)
- Tow rope
- Collapsible shovel
- Flash light and spare batteries
- Candles and matches
- Brightly coloured clothes
- Container of water and high energy bars
- Windshield scraper

FOR SALE

1999 Chevy ¾ Ton – as is
Sealed offers will be taken until Dec 10 at 3 p.m. For more details
Phone 705-779-2992 or email Peggy at pgreco@twp.prince.on.ca



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